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SEVENTH DAY

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As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you

The Father loves the Son generating him in the eternity. This is the mystery of the mysteries. Mystery that we confess, preach, proclaim, but that we can know only in the wisdom and intelligence of the Holy Spirit resting upon us. We see it by Him, we contemplate it, we admire it, we participate in it, without ever being able to exhaust the knowledge in its beauty, purity, fullness. Even Christ Jesus, through the work of the Holy Spirit, generates us as new creatures making us his own body, his blood, his life so that, as in the history He has manifested the thought and the will of the Father, in the Holy Spirit, so even us manifest his thought and his will in the world until the day of parousia. As Christ loves the Father and he loves him since he obeys each Word, so the disciple, too, must love Jesus obeying each of his Word. What does the obedience of Jesus involve? Giving his life for the redemption of his brothers. What does the love of the disciple toward Christ involve? Giving, they too, the life to Christ, so that Christ may accomplish the work of the Father for all the days of the history.

If we do not accomplish the work of Christ Jesus, if we do not create his body, if we do not gather new members and new children to his Church, we do not love him. In order that every man may become true child of adoption, in Him, with Him, for Him, Jesus gives all himself to the Father, voluntarily surrendering to the death and to a death on the cross. Even the disciple, if he wants to love Christ Jesus, must observe his commandment: making of his life a gift to him, so that the Father may give him numerous other members for his

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body and many other sheep to bring to the sheepfold of the Church, one, saint, catholic, apostolic. What Jesus asks each of his disciple is a love of total surrendering so that he may be today and always the Saviour, the Redeemer, the

Mediator of every grace and truth, light and eternal life for the entire humankind. We do not love Christ and we might never love the man, if we fail to fulfil this gift of our life in view of the edification of the body of Christ and of the Church. Mother of God, obtain for us the grace of loving Jesus in the same way Jesus loves the Father.



LAMP UNTO MY FEET

The Power of Faith

The power of faith is the faith. Faith is not in the Word of God. If faith were in the Word of God, we would be idolaters believing in this or that word. Faith is in the God uttering the Word. For us faith is in the God who, not from pre-existing matter, created the heaven and the earth. It is in the God who said one Word to the first man and this Word was fulfilled as it was uttered. It is in the God who promises a sterile woman and, what is more, already centenarian, a son, and a son he gives to her. It is in the God who has done marvellous things in the land of Egypt and parted, with a whistle, the Red Sea and then made it back again where it was, as soon as the children of Israel walked on dry ground across it. It is in the God whose no uttered Word has never free fallen. It is in the God who sent his Messiah on our earth. We have crucified him and placed in the tomb. He descended and with his divine omnipotence has resurrected him transforming his body of mud in body of spirit.

But all of this is not faith yet. All of this is faith when I assume the Word of God, of the Omnipotent God, and I make it my life and my word. When I say my word, that is always word of God, and I cover it of the same creative, saving,

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redemptive, transformative of the history omnipotence. When this happens my God and I, in Christ Jesus, by the Holy Spirit, become one only thing. He in me and me in him. He says a Word and I transform it in my life. If the Word of my God does not transform my life in life of God in me, the Lord could never transform my word in Word that saves, redeems, converts, sanctifies, creates the history of men as new. It

is not the God who is in heaven that must act in me. It is the God who became my life, that has turned to be my thought, my will, my feeling, my desire. This may happen only in Christ by the work of the Holy Spirit. This happens, occurs when the Holy Spirit also becomes my life and I life of Christ. The Holy Spirit becomes my life and I life of the Holy Spirit.

Today we have reduced the Word of God to a lie because to a lie we have reduced our God. To a lie we have reduced his mystery that is a mystery of unity and trinity, mystery of incarnation, passion, death, resurrection. To a lie we have reduced the mystery of the Holy Spirit. We do not believe in Him and since it is Him who puts us in communion with the Father and the Son, we are separated from the Father and the Son. This separation implies the lack of knowledge of the

mystery and, so, its abolition from our life. Abolished for the man the true mystery that is God, we read our life by another mystery: by the mystery of iniquity. What are the fruits of this understanding by the mystery of iniquity? Here they are: a man made by himself and no longer by his Creator, Lord, Redeemer, Saviour. What is the deceit in this betrayal of the true mystery? It is not the man who makes himself as he pleases. It is some men who decide how to make other men. Therefore, the man, instead of being servant of his Lord for the life, becomes slave of the man for the death. The Christian must never let himself be made of the mystery of iniquity. This is the power of his faith: always remaining anchored to the mystery of the true God, the only one that will make him true man, today and for the eternal centuries.

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IF YOU LISTEN...

Queen of Patriarchs

The Virgin Mary is the Queen of Patriarchs. In the Book of Genesis there are the Patriarchs before the flood. They are ten: Adam, Sheth, Enosh, Kenan, Mahalaleel, Jered, Henoah, Methuselah, Lamech, Noah. There are the Patriarchs right after the flood. They are eleven: Shem, Arpachshad, Shelah, Eber, Peleg, Reu, Serug, Terah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob. Finally, there are the Patriarchs, children of Jacob. They are twelve: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph, Benjamin, Dan, Naphtali, Gad, Asher. With Judah we may also call Patriarchs, but in a broad sense, all those righteous that are in the genealogy of Jesus.

Here is how it is composed in the Gospel according to Matthew: "The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham became the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers. Judah became the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar. Perez became the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram, Ram the father of Amminadab. Amminadab became

the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon, Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab. Boaz became the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth. Obed became the father of Jesse, Jesse the father of David the king. David became the father of Solomon, whose mother had been the wife of Uriah. Solomon became the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah, Abijah the father of Asaph. Asaph became the father of Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, Joram the father of Uzziah. Uzziah became the father of Jotham, Jotham the father of Ahaz, Ahaz the father of Hezekiah. Hezekiah became the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amos, Amos the father of Josiah. Josiah became the father of Jechoniah and his brothers at the time of the Babylonian exile. After the Babylonian exile, Jechoniah became the father of Shealtiel, Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, Zerubbabel the father of Abiud. Abiud became the father of Eliakim, Eliakim the father of Azor, Azor the father of Zadok. Zadok became the father of Achim, Achim the father of Eliud, Eliud the father

of Eleazar. Eleazar became the father of Matthan, Matthan the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary. Of her was born Jesus who is called the Messiah". (Mt 1, 1-16). The Virgin Mary is Queen of Angels and of Saints, not of damned. Many kings did not walk with God, they were idolaters and immoral. Of those who are not in the eternal beatitude, Mary is not Queen.

Stating that Mary is Queen of Patriarchs we intend to bring to light a very high truth. As every person, before the redemptive death of Christ, is saved, redeemed, blessed in view of the grace of Christ, so every person fruit of the grace of Christ has been subjected by the Lord to his Mother. No one is above his Mother. Neither the Saints that were before Christ, nor the saints that were after Christ. Every redeemer by Christ, every person saved by Him, has been given to the Virgin Mary. She occupied the highest place in heaven, the place at the right hand of his Son. Queen of Patriarchs obtain for us from your Son the grace of being your faithful servants today and for the eternity.

FROM JACOB'S WELL

From the body of Jesus the Lord through the Christian living the Word of the Gospel with immediate and enduring, perennial and not momentary obedience, a river of Holy Spirit will always flow renewing the face of the earth. Without the Christian living the Word to the full of holiness, Jesus is a very poor person. He cannot pour the Spirit of the conversion and of sanctification on the world and the world remains in its slavery, tied with heavy chains to the sin and to the death. When one gets away from the obedience to the Word, the Spirit of the Lord withdraws from us and we become useless beings in relation to the vivification of the earth. From rivers full of the water of the Holy Spirit of God, we become, we Christian, a plain disseminated of arid, dried, lifeless bones.

IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Responses of Faith

What is the way to follow so that the man may love according to truth and justice? What particular power must he possess so that love may be possible in him?

Man is not love. Only God is love. In order that man manifests all his power of salvation, redemption, justification, sanctification, conversion of history of darkness into history of light and of history of evil into history of love, it is necessary that he always dwell in the heart of Christ by the power of communion of the Holy Spirit. Only the heart of Christ Jesus is the way to reach, live, dwell in the heart of the Father. Dwelling in the heart of the Father, the man converts into love and can manifest this love in the history, but never separated from Christ, but dwelling in the heart of Christ. Never abandoning the communion of the Holy Spirit, but even more letting himself being chained to it. This is the only way the man can manifest to the world all the power of the love of God, since words of false prophecy, words of deceit and falsity, words of lie and darkness, words not of light and truth, like mellow and malicious mermaids, are crying out to his ears without interruption that Christ is no longer necessary for man to love. Thus saying one declares that man is God, in everything equal to Him. Only God is love and whoever is willing to love must eternally dwell in God.

If we decide to replace the Word of Christ Jesus with

ours, we also replace the heart of Christ with ours, the heart of the Father with ours, but we also replace the spiritual man created in us by the work of the Holy Spirit with the man created according to the flesh. Thus acting and working we annul the mystery of the redemption. Since the transformation is from the mystery of the redemption, we deny the history every possibility of being transformed. We condemn it to the falsity, to the wickedness, to the evilness. We create in our history the civilization established by Lamech, or the other of

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the tower of Babel, or the other of Sodom and Gomorrah or finally our civilization in which the evil is declared by human law a law of the man, civilization in which the one who might still appeal to the Law of God is declared a criminal, an enemy of the man, a mindless, one who hates the man because he impedes his progress. The true civilization of love can be built in Christ with the grace of Christ, in the Father with the love of the Father, in the Holy Spirit with his eternal communion. Without Christ the evil will always be the power of man, never the good, never the truth, never the justice, never the true light and the true charity.

IN THE NEXT ISSUE

He was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God

With the Presbyters of the Church of the Lord

Queen of Prophets

How does one walk in the mystery of the Church one saint catholic apostolic? How can a Christian manifest the depth of this mystery with his life?

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